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**Via Electronic Mail: [67348-91632305@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:67348-91632305@requests.muckrock.com)**

Mr. Paul Gottinger  
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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. BOEM-2019-00072

Dear Paul. Gottinger:

This letter is in reference to your FOIA request dated January 12, 2019 and received by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on January 28, 2019. Your request is assigned number BOEM-2019-00072. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

## **Description of the Requested Records**

You requested:

A copy of records documenting the number of employees of [BOEM] who were terminated/retired, or left the bureau for any reason, for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, as well as a copy of records documenting the number of new employees hired to work for [BOEM] in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

## **The Bureau's Response to Your Request**

We are writing today to respond to your request consisting of the attached eight (8) pages released to you in their entirety.

This completes BOEM's response to your FOIA request.

## **Fee Category**

We classified you as an "other-use" requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.39.

We do not bill requestors for FOIA processing when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g). Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request and there is no need for us to address your request for a fee waiver.

### **Mediation Services**

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS  
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Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>  
Telephone: (202) 741-5770  
Fax: (202) 741-5769  
Toll-free: (877) 684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA/PA Appeals Officer. You may also contact the undersigned, BOEM's FOIA Public Liaison, for dispute resolution services.

### **Conclusion**

If you have any questions concerning your request, you may contact us by email at [boemfoia@boem.gov](mailto:boemfoia@boem.gov); by fax at (703) 787-1209; by phone at (703) 787-1818; or by postal mail at: FOIA Office; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Mail Stop: VAM-BOEM DIR; 45600 Woodland Road; Sterling, VA 20166. You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Natasha Alcantara, at (703) 787-1818.

Sincerely,



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Natasha Alcantara  
Freedom of Information Act Officer/Public Liaison  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Attachment: As Stated